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C O N F I D E N T I A L KATHMANDU 2347

FOR S/NM AND NEA FOR HOLLY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS - NEPAL

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED ASSISTANCE FOR SEVERAL YEARS ON NARCOTICS MATTERS FROM DEVENDRA RAJ UPADHYAYA, MOST RECENTLY SECRETARY IN MINISTRY FOR INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE. UPADHYAYA ALSO SERVED AS NEPAL'S DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS FROM 1965-69 DURING WHICH TIME HIS ELDEST SON BECAME A HEROIN ADDICT WHILE ATTENDING A US BOARDING SCHOOL.

2. PARTLY AS A RESULT OF HIS PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH DRUGS, UPADHYAYA HAS BEEN ONE OF THE FEW NEPALESE OFFICIALS WHO NOT ONLY UNDERSTANDS THE NARCOTICS PROBLEM BUT WHO HAS MADE AN EFFORT TO REDUCE THE FLOW FROM NEPAL. ON HIS OWN
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INITIATIVE UPADHYAYA INVITED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNFDAC TO VISIT NEPAL IN 1976, AN ACTION FOR WHICH HE WAS REPRIMANDED BY HIGHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS SUSPECTED OF BEING INVOLVED IN TRAFFICKING.

3. UPADHYAYA HAS EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN RECENTLY TO EMBOFFS OVER THE TOTAL LACK OF INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS AND ANTI-DRUG

LITERATURE AVAILABLE IN NEPAL. HE FEELS, RIGHTFULLY IN
OUR VIEW, THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL DEVOTE NO RESOURCES
TO INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMS, MUCH LESS REHABILITATION EFFORTS.
HE HAS SUGGESTED THAT HE COULD FILL THIS GAP BY WRITING
A NUMBER OF INFORMATIONAL PAMPHLETS TO BE PRINTED IN NEPALI
FOR LOCAL DISTRIBUTION IN AN EFFORT TO MAKE THE PUBLIC MORE
AWARE OF THE SOCIAL AND MEDICAL CONSEQUENCES OF DRUG ABUSE.
WE BELIEVE HE IS QUALIFIED TO DO SO.

4. THERE ARE NO POST FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR SUCH A PROJECT AND
PRIOR TO EXPLORING THIS POSSIBILITY ANY FURTHER WITH UPADHYAYA,
WE WISH TO ENQUIRE WHETHER FUNDS COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FROM
DEPARTMENT OR OTHER SOURCE. WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT UPADHYAYA
COULD BE INVITED TO US FOR 2 MONTH SHORT TERM GRANT TO MEET
WITH US OFFICIALS, PARTICULARLY IN DRUG REHABILITATION, TO
OBTAIN THE LATEST INFORMATION ON FIELD WHICH IS TOTALLY UNKNOWN
IN NEPAL. WE ESTIMATE TOTAL COST OF PROJECT, INCLUDING TRAVEL
AND PUBLICATION COSTS IN NEPAL TO BE APPROXIMATELY \$18,000-
\$20,000. SUCH PROJECT HAS OBVIOUS RISKS GIVEN GOVERNMENT'S
ATTITUDE, BUT WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE EFFORT TO
UNDERTAKE LIMITED EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN
AND, PERHAPS, FIRST
STEPS TOWARDS REHABILITATION PROGRAM IN COUNTRY.

WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS.
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